

[Mrs. Fayette Randal]

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Pioneer Stories

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A. Mrs. Fayette Randal, 2218 Homan Avenue, Waco, Texas. Mrs. Randal is the daughter of William C. and Ella Walker Patterson.

Mrs. [Randal?] has some valuable old papers, now in the Texas Room of Baylor University.

Her grandfather, William C. Walker came to Waco from Chapel Hill in 1851, and bought 650 acres of land on the Bosque for \$2.50 per acre. Part of the land is now under Lake Waco. Walker's Crossings on the Bosque was named for him. He built a home on the land he had bought. He built a brick house in 1851 and this house is still standing. The sills are made of cedar logs and the floors are of cedar planks, all in a good state of preservation. The cedar used in the building was grown on the place; the cedar shingles and the lime used were made on the place and after eighty five years the wood is as good as when it was built.

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The windows were brought by ox team from Houston, Texas.

When her mother was a young girl, the James and Younger boys, notorious desperadoes, camped for several days at the Sycamore Springs in the pasture near where the Beulah Lane now runs. One night when the young people were having a party at the old home place, two of there outlaws walked in, with pistols and spurs on, and joined the other guests.

About seventy five years ago, a man named Lindsey was hanged by a mob in the ravine that is an extension of North Fifth Street, Waco, and so, today that is known as Lindsey Hollow. He was hanged from an old crooked mountain cedar tree that grew on the left hand side of the road going north out of Waco. It leaned way out over the roadway. C.12 - 2/11/41 - Texas

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Miss Laura Herring, daughter of Captain M. D. Herring of Herring Avenue was married by the minister of Central Christian Church, Dr. Bagby. It rained about two days and nights before the [edding?]. We didn't have paved streets those days and 6th St. was black, waxy mud. When the carriage, drawn by two horses carrying the bride and groom to the train reached 6th St., the wheels stuck hard and fast. Two men made a saddle of their hands and carried Miss Laura to the side walk. She was picked up on Maryland Avenue and carried to the station to go on her honeymoon. (A)